

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
**DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

James Lamont Moore,

Petitioner

v.

Warden Williams, *et al.*,

Respondents

Case No.: 2:24-cv-00774-JAD-MDC

**Order Granting Motion to Seal and  
Granting Extension to File Response to  
Petition to October 1, 2024**

[ECF Nos. 14, 17]

Respondents ask for an extension to file a response to James Lamont Moore’s pro se 28 U.S.C. § 2241 petition for writ of habeas corpus.<sup>1</sup> Good cause appearing, I grant that motion. They also ask to file an exhibit under seal.<sup>2</sup> While there is a presumption favoring public access to judicial filings and documents,<sup>3</sup> a party seeking to seal a judicial record may overcome the presumption by demonstrating “compelling reasons” that outweigh the public policies favoring disclosure.<sup>4</sup> In general, “compelling reasons” exist where the records may be used for improper purposes.<sup>5</sup> Here, respondents ask to file Moore’s presentence investigation report (“PSI”) under seal because it contains confidential information that, under Nevada law, cannot be made part of any public record. I have reviewed the report and conclude that respondents have demonstrated

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<sup>1</sup> ECF No. 17.

<sup>2</sup> ECF No. 14.

<sup>3</sup> See *Nixon v. Warner Communications, Inc.*, 435 U.S. 589, 597 (1978).

<sup>4</sup> *Kamakana v. City and County of Honolulu*, 447 F.3d 1172, 1178-79 (9th Cir. 2006) (citations omitted).

<sup>5</sup> *Id.* at 1179 (citing *Nixon*, 435 U.S. at 598).

1 compelling reasons to file it under seal. So I grant the motion, and the PSI will remain under  
2 seal.

3 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that respondents' motion for extension of time to file a  
4 response to the petition [ECF No. 17] is **GRANTED** *nunc pro tunc* to September 10, 2024. **The**  
5 **deadline to file the response is extended to October 1, 2024.**

6 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondents' motion for leave to file exhibit under seal  
7 [ECF No. 14] is **GRANTED**. **The Clerk of Court is directed to MAINTAIN THE SEAL on**  
8 **ECF No. 15.**

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U.S. District Judge Jennifer A. Dorsey  
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